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CONTACT REPORT FOR 13 JUNE 78

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B. USCGC MIDGETT 120930Z JUN 78 (NOTAL)

C. CCGDSEVENTEEN 122314Z JUN 78 (NOTAL)

D. PHONEPATCH CAPT WAGNER, MIDGETT/LT GEMMEL, CCGD17 (OIL)

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2. A. DAE SUNG HO (6NER) KS STRL: FIRST ENFORCEMENT BRDNG THIS YEAR, NO INFRACTIONS OBSERVED WHILE BOARDING PARTY ACTUALLY ON BOARD. AS DIRECTED REF (A), BRDNG PARTY REMAINED O/B IN EXCESS 24 HOURS TO CONDUCT IN DEPTH INSPECTION AND CCL VERIFICATION.

AREA 52: ONE DAY FISHED, 24 MAY 78. CUMULATIVE AND LAST DAY: 005/15.0. AREA 61: ONE DAY FISHED, 9 JUN 78. CUMULATIVE AND LAST DAY 005/17.0//011/2.0//003/1.0. AREA 51: 18 DAYS FISHED LAST PERIOD FISHED 25 MAY - 12 JUN 78. CUMULATIVE 002/0.1// 003/0.76//005/691.0//006/1.3//011/0.8. LAST DAYS CATCH (12 JUN 78) 005/19.7//006/0.2//003/0.16//011/0.1. BRDNG PARTY OBSERVED AND CHECKED 4 HAULBACKS 12 JUNE, ONE HAULBACK 13 JUN. 12 JUN WAS POOR FISHING: 20 TONS CUMLATIVE, LOGGED 0.2 TONS 006, ROUND DOWN FROM 0.25 (BRDNG OFFICERS FELT THEY MIGHT HAVE ROUNDED DOWN FROM 0.4, BUT DID NOT FEEL MAJOR ISSUE WAS DECIDED BY A POSSIBLE MISSING 200KG OF COD). 280 COD (ACTUAL FISH) WERE COUNTED ON 12TH. 17 TON TRAWL ON 13TH YIELDED 320 COD: MORE EVIDENCE CORROBORATING REF (B) THAT KS VSLS ARE NOT PROPERLY LOGGING INCIDENTAL COD CATCHES THAT COULD FILL INCIDENTAL QUOTAS AND THUS UNCLASSIFIED

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CLOSE ALL FISHERIES. FISHING MASTER, MR. YOO ADMITTED THAT IT WAS "DIFFICULT" TO CATCH 005 WITHOUT GETTING A LARGE AMOUNT OF 006. HE ADDED THAT BEST DEPTH FOR EXCLUSIVE 005 CATCHES 200-230 METERS. STILL, MANY TIMES THEY HTCH COD ANY WAY. BRDNG OFFICERS BELIEVE KS VSLS MAKING EFFORT TO AVOID LOW ALLOCATION INCIDENTAL SPECIES BUT KS MOTIVATED TO TAKE "LIBERAL MEASURES" TO UNDERESTIMATE COD CATCHES. ALTHOUGH UNREBUTTABLE EVIDENCE OF CFR 611.9 VIOLATIONS IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN WITHOUT OBSERVING AND ANALYZING EACH HAULBACK OF EVERY TRAWLER, THE ESTIMATE IS CLEARLY JUSTIFIED THAT KS OUOTA FOR 006 WAS PROBABLY REALIZED WITHIN FIRST FEW WEEKS THAT THE KS FLEET WAS ON GRNDS. MASTER AND CREW VERY CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE. DAE SUNG APPEARED TO HAVE COME STRAIGHT FROM YARD. WHOLE KS FLEET IN BSA HAS SHOWN MATERIAL IMPROVEMENT OVER PREVIOUS YEARS APPEARANCE. AVERAGES ABOUT 3 TRAWLS/DAY, TRAWLING MAINLY DAYLIGHT HOURS WHEN FISH ARE NEAR BOTTOM.

B. SHIN AN HO (6NAX) KS STRL; ENFORCEMENT BOARDING, WHILE NO SPECIFIC INFRACTION OBSERVED WHILE BOARDING PARTY ACTUALLY ON BOARD VERBAL WARNING ISSUED TO CORRECTLY LOG ALL SPECIES, INCLUDING INCIDENTAL CATCHES FOR WHICH KS HAS ALLOCATION. BOTTOM TRAWL, AVGS 2-3 TRAWLS/DAY. TGT POLLOCK. EXPECTS TO DEPART 15 JULY 78. AREA 51, 23 DAYS FISHED; PERIOD LAST FISHED

27MAY-12JUN78; CUMULATIVE CATCH, 003/0.6//005/831.6//006/
0.7//011/4.6//099/1.0. LAST DAYS CATCH (12JUN), 005/10.0.
AREA 52, 64 DAYS FISHED; PERIOD LAST FISHED 12-25MAY78;
CUMULATIVE CATCH, 001/0.5//003/0.2//005/386.2//006/3.5//011/
2.1. LAST DAYS CATCH (25MAY), 005/32.0. AREA 61, 2 DAYS FISHED;
PERIOD LAST FISHED 31JAN-1FEB78; CUMULATIVE CATCH, 005/54.0//
011/3.6//012/2.0. LAST DAYS CATCH (1FEB), 005/36.0//011/2.9//
012/0.8. AREA 62, 2 DAYS FISHED; PERIOD LAST FISHED 5-6FEB78;
CUMULATIVE CATCH, 005/55.0//011/5.0//012/4.1. LAST DAYS CATCH
(6FEB), 005/20.0//011/0.3//012/1.6. BRDNG PARTY OBSERVED HAULBACK

(APPROX 40 MT) AND SUBSEQUENT SORTING OF CATCH. EXTREMELY HIGH PERCENTAGE BY WEIGHT OF COD (9.2 MT, 23 PERCENT) IN TRAWL. MASTER (AND BOARDING PARTY AS WELL) APPEARED QUITE SURPRISED. UNCLASSIFIED

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POLLOCK FILLETED OR FROZEN WHOLE IN 15KG BLOCKS; HEADS AND GUTS MADE INTO MEAL (35KG BAGS). COD FROZEN IN 15KG BLOCKS EXCEPT FOR LARGER SPECIMENS WHICH WERE FROZEN INDIVIDUALLY. NMFS OBSERVER DAVID HOAGLAND PRESENTLY ABOARD SUBJ FFV.

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